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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HOTTEN et al.

Art Unit: 1647

Application No.: 09/386,450

Examiner: David Romeo

Filed: August 31, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100564-09022

For: NEW GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 21, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for three months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 20, 2000 from February 20, 2001 to May 20, 2001. Attached is our check in the amount of \$890.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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